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George W. Lambdin House
St. Michaels
private

c. 1860 and later

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Marking the principal intersection of Mulberry and Water streets in the center of St. Michaels, the house has been reoriented to face Water Street instead of Mulberry Street. Although the house has been covered with a layer of vinyl siding, the character of the nineteenth-century structure remains essentially intact with Tuscan columned porches and a bay window adding interest to the plain two-story elevations.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-681

Magi No. 2106812504

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic GEORGE W. LAMBDIN HOUSE

and/or common CAMPBELL HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 400 Water Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town St. Michaels ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Katherine Campbell

street & number 400 Water Street telephone no.:

city, town St. Michaels state and zip code MD 21663

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 304

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 98

city, town Easton state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The George W. Lambdin house is located at the corner of Mulberry and Water Streets. Although the house was built initially to face Mulberry Street the current front has been reoriented with 400 Water Street as its address. The original front of the house faces north with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built in several stages, the two-story, two-bay frame house is supported by a minimal brick foundation and is sheathed with a layer of vinyl siding. The steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof has boxed cornices and extended eaves. Attached to the back of the main house is a two-story, three-bay dining room and kitchen wing, and to the west a two-story, two-bay wing was added during the early twentieth century.

The north (main) elevation facing Mulberry Street is a two-bay elevation with a side entrance and a flanking tripartite window. The partially glazed front door is sheltered by a hip roof hood supported on stick brackets. The adjacent window is fitted with louvered shutters. Lighting the second floor are two single-pane sash windows that have louvered shutters.

The west gable end of the front block is a plain wall of vinyl siding aside from a small vent in the uppermost section of the gable. The east gable end, however is pierced by single-pane sash windows to each side of an interior end brick chimney. Stretching across the first floor of the main block as well as the rear service wing is a Tuscan columned hip roof porch with a rectangular baluster handrail.

The south side of the front block is fully covered by the two-story rear service wing which is also lighted by single-pane sash windows. Two partially glazed doors pierce a recessed wall on the east side and provide access from the Water Street porch. Rising through the center of the service wing is another brick stack. Each of the windows is flanked by louvered shutters.

Attached to the west side of the service wing is a two-story, two-bay wing that follows along the same lines as the rest of the house with single-pane sash windows flanked by louvered shutters. A smaller Tuscan columned porch fills the corner on the Mulberry Street elevation and shelters a side entrance. Fixed on the west gable end is a single-story bay window on the first floor and a paired single-pane sash window lights the second floor. Rising through the east end of the wing is another interior brick stack.

The interiors have been generally remodeled but several mid nineteenth-century features survive. A chamfered newel post and rectangular balusters support a circular profile handrail. The partition has been removed between the stair hall and the parlor and an archway separates the parlor from the dining room. Mid nineteenth-century mantels survive in the parlor and dining room along with four-panel doors. The kitchen is fitted with beaded board wainscoting.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates**Builder/Architect**check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The George W. Lambdin house marks the principal intersection of Mulberry and Water streets in the center of the St. Michaels historic district. The house was initially erected to face Mulberry Street but in more recent years the principal elevation and address have been reoriented to Water Street. Although the house has been covered with a layer of vinyl siding, the character of the nineteenth-century structure remains essentially intact with Tuscan columned porches and a bay window to add interest to the plain two-story elevations. The house contributes to the historic nature of Mulberry and Water streets.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

An analysis of the chain-of-title for this corner lot does not clearly indicate who may have started construction of this house. John G. Leonard leased the lot in 1858 and may have erected part of the house with money secured through a mortgage from James and Louisa Seth, who sold him the property.(68/122) John G. Leonard, however, did not stay in St. Michaels long, for it is documented by Leonard family descendants that he left for Baltimore around 1860. James and Louisa Seth sold the 75' by 55' lot in 1867 to George W. Lambdin for \$600, a sum that would suggest the corner lot had been improved.(74/243) Although George Lambdin died in 1890, the property remained in family hands until 1908.(Chancery record, 28/46) Since 1908 the property has been held by over a half-dozen owners.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Paul B. Touart Architectural Historian		
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organization	Private Consultant	date	9/8/88
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street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	301-651-1094
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city or town	Westover	state	MD 21871
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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

YEAR: 1953 VOL: 304 PAGE: 98
FROM: Paul H.. Fox and Mary G. Fox PRICE:
TO: Curtis L. Garrett and Annie E. Garrett
NOTES Begins at the SW corner of Mulberry and Water Streets; run with Mulberry W 73 feet to George Wales (formerly Elmer Warner); with Wales SE 55 feet to Noble P. Seymour (formerly James M. Seth); with Seymour generally E 73 feet to Water Street; with Water Street N 55 feet to the beginning.
Conveyed to Fox by Powell 1946, 268/219.

YEAR: 1946 VOL: 268 PAGE: 219
FROM: Mary B.Powell and J. Osborne Powell PRICE:
TO: Paul H. Fox and Mary G. Fox
NOTES Same description except "Elmer Warner"becomes"John T. Harrison".
Conveyed to Powell by DeVenish 1941, 250/405.

YEAR: 1941 VOL: 250 PAGE: 405
FROM: Oliver W. DeVenish and Edith D. DeVenish PRICE:
TO: J. Osborne Powell and Mary B. Powell
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed to DeVenish by Powell 1938, 242/1.

YEAR: 1938 VOL: 242 PAGE: 1
FROM: Elizabeth J.. Powell PRICE: \$1800
TO: Oliver W. DeVensih and Edith D. D. Venishh
NOTES Same description, but the 75 feet on Mulberry goes to Lewis Comegys. Also mentions a 2 foot wide strip on west side of the lot conveyed off by George W. Lambdin to J. T. Harrison 1890, 112/485.
Conveyed to Powell by Plummer 1935, 235/372.

YEAR: 1935 VOL: 235 PAGE: 372
FROM: Hattie F. Plummer PRICE:
TO: Elizabeth J. Powell
NOTES Same as 242/1.
Conveyed to Plummer by Covington, trustee by Chancery 667.

YEAR: 1908 VOL: 152 PAGE: 191
FROM: J. Harry Covington PRICE: \$675
TO: Hattie F. Plummer
NOTES By a 1908 decree of the Circuit Court Covington is authorized to sell the real estate of George Lambdin. Lot is 75' on Mulberry to Louis Comegys x 55'; the 2-foot strip (1890, 112/485) is excepted.
Conveyed to George W. Lambdin by James M. Seth 1868, 74/243.

YEAR: 1908 VOL: 28 PAGE: 46 (Chancery)

FROM: PRICE:

TO:

NOTES Case concerns Mary E. Lambdin vs 15 or more heirs of George W. Lambdin who died in 1890. The lot was conveyed to George W. Lambdin by James Seth by 1867, 74/243. George left a widow, Sarah H. Lambdin in Baltimore. Mary E. is her daughter. In 1854, George married Cornelia Bayard. They had one child - whereabouts unknown.

YEAR: 1867 VOL: 74 PAGE: 243

FROM: James M. Seth and Louisa Seth PRICE: \$600

TO: George W. Lambdin

NOTES The dimensions of the lot are 75' x 55'.

YEAR: 1858 VOL: 68 PAGE: 124 (mortgage)

FROM: John G. Leonard PRICE:

TO: James M. Seth

NOTES This is a mortgage for two promisory notes of \$150 each. The security is John Leonard's lease for 99 years made on 1858, 68/122. He must also pay the insurance premiums on property insurance for \$600 with a Cecil County insurance company.

YEAR: 1858 VOL: 68 PAGE: 122

FROM: James M. Seth PRICE: lease

TO: John G. Leonard

NOTES All that lot on the corner of Mulberry and Water Streets, 75 feet on Mulberry Street from the corner to the lot of James Sewell and 54 feet on Water Street from the corner to an ally 6 feet wide on the north end of the house formerly occupied by Benjamin H. Blades and now occupied by Francis Lambdin; and with the ally, parallel with Mulberry Street, to Sewell's lot.

Lease is for 99 years with Leonard getting the option to buy the property for \$200.

According to Bernice Leonard, John G. Leonard left St. Michaels for Baltimore around 1860.

YEAR: 1849 VOL: 62 PAGE: 249

FROM: Robert L. Seth PRICE: \$300*

TO: James M. Seth

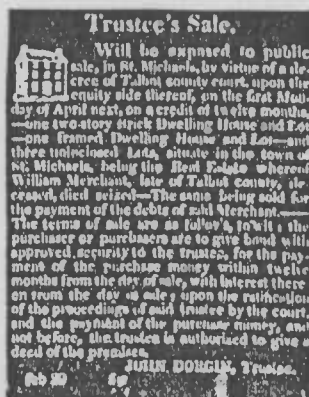
NOTES *The sale was for lots 48, 49, 50. This lot is most of lot 50. Conveyed to Robert L. Seth by Sarah Seth 1846, 60/103.

YEAR: 1846 VOL: 60 PAGE: 103
FROM: Sarah Seth, widow PRICE: L&A+\$100
TO: Robert L. Seth
NOTES Deed is for lots 48, 49, 50. This is lot 50.

There follows a break in the chain for lot 50 back to 1809. No record was found of Sarah Seth acquiring lot 50. She was the daughter of Daniel Lambdin, which provides an explanation for lots 48 and 49 - but not 50.

The land records show William Merchant as the last owner of lot 50, but nothing has been found to indicate how they were disposed-of. William Merchant died about 1819 and John Dorgan was appointed trustee to dispose of his real estate. He sold lot 17 (Canonball House) to Sam Tenant and lot 16 to Merchant's widow. Merchant had been the owner of lots 48, 49, and 50 and perhaps they are the three lots mentioned in the advertisement below. If so, no record has been found to show how they were disposed-of.

REPUBLICAN STAR, FEB. 1820



YEAR: 1809 VOL: 33 PAGE: 190
FROM: Jacob Gibson PRICE: \$800
TO: William Merchant
NOTES Made 18 April 1809. This is a mortgage which is secured by lots 48, 49, and 50. No record has been found of Gibson's purchase of the lots - or of the mortgage being satisfied. Perhaps this mortgage is Gibson's purchase but there is no record of his selling the lots. At any rate, Gibson was apparently a much wealthier man than Merchant and Gibson owing Merchant does not make much sense. According to the following deed, William Merchant was the owner of lot #50.

YEAR: 1809 VOL: 33 PAGE: 192
FROM: Perry Spencer PRICE: \$32
TO: William Merchant
NOTES The deed was made March 4, 1809. It is for lot #50.

YEAR: 1783 VOL: 21 PAGE: 369

FROM: John Thompson PRICE: p25 sp

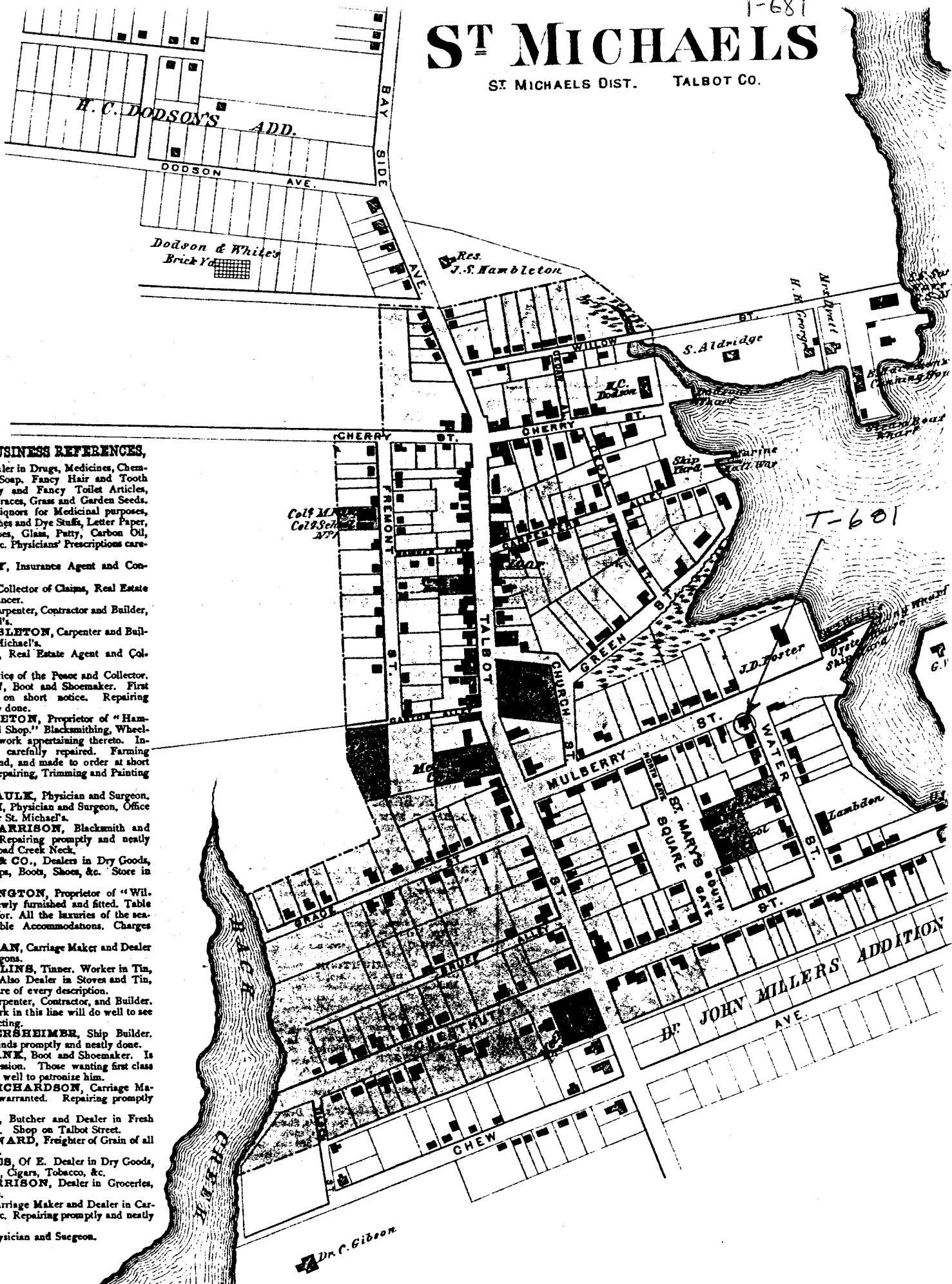
TO: Perry Spencer, "Shipwright"

NOTES The deed is for lots 50 and 51 (the "Warehouse Lot" across Water Street). The sale here of lot 50 is the only one of James Braddock's unsold lots sold by Thompson after his inheritance from Braddock before the arrival of James Wignal in 1784. (Thompson had bought lot 51 from Braddock in 1782)

The land was on the line between "The Beach" and "Jane's Progress" (probably "Jane's Progress") and was included in the purchase by James Braddock of the real estate of Philip Wetheral (1778, 21/66)

T-681 ST MICHAELS

ST MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.



ST MICHAEL'S BUSINESS REFERENCES,

DODSON, Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Fine Toilet Soap, Fancy Hair and Tooth Brushes, Perfumery and Fancy Toilet Articles, Sashes, Shoulder-Braces, Grass and Garden Seeds, Wines and Liquors for Medicinal purposes, Oils, Varnishes and Dye Stuffs, Letter Paper, Ink, Envelopes, Glass, Putty, Carbon Oil, Nails, Chimneys, &c. Physicians' Prescriptions carefully Compounded.

HADDADWAY, Insurance Agent and Conveyancer.

W. DEAN, Collector of Claims, Real Estate Agent and Conveyancer.

IS DYOTT, Carpenter, Contractor and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.

ED H. HAMBLETON, Carpenter and Builder, Shop at St. Michael's.

ES BROWN, Real Estate Agent and Collector of

SPA. Justice of the Peace and Collector.

SMITHMAN, Boot and Shoemaker. First class work done on short notice. Repairing promptly and neatly done.

S. HAMBLETON, Proprietor of "Hambleton's Mechanical Shop." Blacksmithing, Wheelwrighting, and all work appertaining thereto. Invaluable Machinery carefully repaired. Farming implements on hand, and made to order at short notice. Carriage Repairing, Trimming and Painting Specially.

WILLIAM CAULK, Physician and Surgeon.

JAMES BETH, Physician and Surgeon. Office and Residence near St. Michael's.

LIAM S. HARRISON, Blacksmith and Wagon Maker. Repairing promptly and neatly done. Shop in Broad Creek Neck.

N. NEAVITT & CO., Dealers in Dry Goods, Cottons, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, &c. Store in Broad Creek Neck.

N. T. HARRINGTON, Proprietor of "Williams House." Newly furnished and fitted. Table carefully catered for. All the luxuries of the season. Ample Stable Accommodations. Charges moderate.

NIEL J. KILMAN, Carriage Maker and Dealer in all kinds of Wagons.

GEORGE W. COLLINS, Tinner. Worker in Tin, Sheet Iron, &c. Also Dealer in Stoves and Tin, and Sheet Iron ware of every description.

E. BLADES, Carpenter, Contractor, and Builder. Persons having work in this line will do well to see him before contracting.

SEPH HERGERSHEIMER, Ship Builder. Repairing of all kinds promptly and neatly done.

EVER FAIRBANK, Boot and Shoemaker. Is skillful in his profession. Those wanting first class work done will do well to patronize him.

RRISON & RICHARDSON, Carriage Makers. All work warranted. Repairing promptly and neatly done.

J. HOLLAND, Butcher and Dealer in Fresh Meats of all kinds. Shop on Talbot Street.

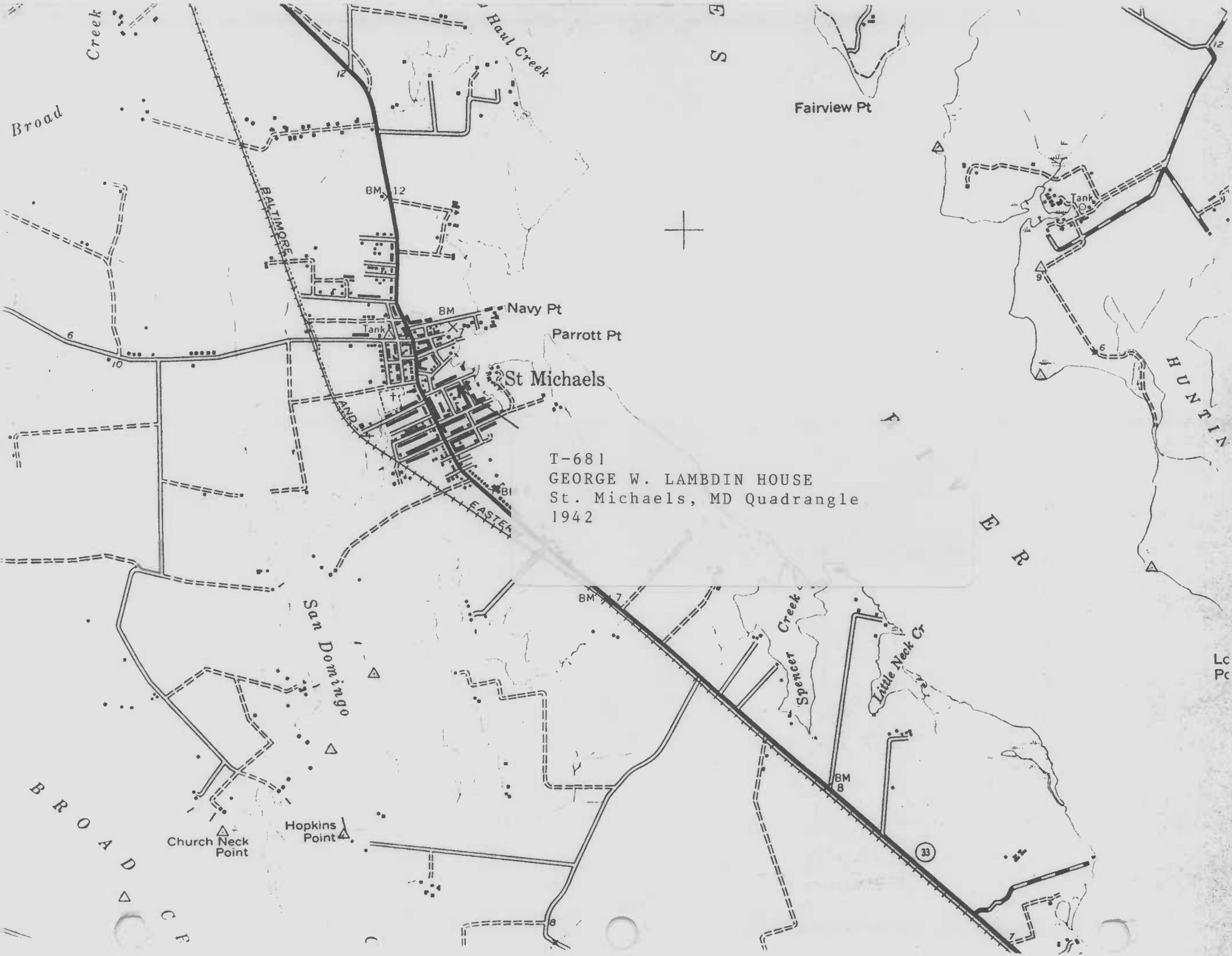
PT. C. R. LEONARD, Freighter of Grain of all kinds to any point.

OMAS BLADES, Of E. Dealer in Dry Goods, Cottons, Cigars, Tobacco, &c.

SEMI HARRISON, Dealer in Groceries, Confectionery, &c.

S. KILMAN, Carriage Maker and Dealer in Carriages, Wagons, &c. Repairing promptly and neatly done.

A. DODSON Physician and Surgeon.



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GEORGE W. LAMBDIN HOUSE
St. Michaels, MD Quadrangle
1942



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GEORGE W. LAMBDIN HOUSE

St. Michaels, Talbot County, MD

Northeast elevation

6/ 88, Paul Touart, photographer

Negative/MD Historical Trust



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GEORGE W. LAMBDIN HOUSE

St. Michaels, Talbot County, MD

Northwest elevation

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